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Thank you for your efforts in the petition drive for the release of Raoul Wallenberg.

As you know, the heroic Mr. Wallenberg disappeared after being assigned to Budapest by the Swedish mission in 1945. It was learned later that he had been captured by the Soviet Union that same year. The Soviet Union claims Mr. Wallenberg died in prison in 1947, but reports by fellow prisoners have claimed that he was seen during the 1950's. All attempts to get information on Mr. Wallenberg from the Soviet Union have led nowhere and the Soviets continue to consider the matter closed despite claims that Mr. Wallenberg is still alive.

I support your efforts to free Mr. Wallenberg, should he still be alive. I am pleased to inform you that I have delivered the petitions to the Soviet authorities through the Office of Soviet Relations, Department of State. While any sudden change in the situation appears unlikely, given the current state of Soviet-American relations, your efforts are commendable.

It is only through active petition efforts such as yours that any hope rests for more information and a complete investigation. Rest assured that the matter is being pursued by both American and Swedish authorities, and that I will continue to monitor the situation closely.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

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